IX. *Part of a Letter from Dr.* Aſhe, *Lord Biſhop of* Cloyne, *dated* March *the* 26*th* 1687. *concerning the Effects of Imagination the Vertues of* Mackenboy, &c.

LAſt *January* in the County of *Kilkenny* I obſerved a very remarkable Inſtance of the Force of Imagination upon the *Fœtus*, 'twas a Girl called *Elizabeth Dooly*, of about Thirteen Years of Age, whoſe Mother being with Child of her, was frighted by a Cow as ſhe milked it, and hit with the Teat on the left Temple within One Eighth of an Inch from her Eye, in which very Place the Girl has a piece of Fleſh growing exactly like a Cows Teat in Bigneſs, Shape, *&c.* except that it has a Bone in the Midſt of it, which reaches above half the length, this Piece of Fleſh is perforated, and ſhe weeps through it, when ſhe laughs it wrinkles up, it grows in Proportion to the reſt of her Body, ſhe is as ſenſible there as in any other Part.

March the Third in the Evening we had very much Thunder, and that and the next Day the Mercury in the Barometer was much lower than ever I obſerved it, *viz.* but $\frac{4}{10}$ above Twenty Eight Inches.

On *Friday* Night, the 18th of this Month, I obſerved here the Occultation of *Saturn* by the Moon, which happened at 12*h.* 13′. 55″. it paſs'd directly under the midſt of the Moon's Diſcus, the ſpightful Clouds hindered our Emerſion.

Dr.

Dr. *Mullen* tryed lately an Experiment upon the famous *Iriſh* Herb called, *Mackenboy*, or *Tithimalus Hibernicus*, which is by the Natives reported to be ſo ſtrong a Purge, that even the carrying it about one in their Cloaths is ſufficient to produce the Effect; this fabulous Story which has long prevail'd, he prov'd falſe, by carrying its Roots for Three Days in his Pocket, without any Alteration of that ſort.

A Quarry of white Marble is lately diſcovered in the County of *Antrim*, a Specimen of which was brought to us; 'tis of an extreamly fine Grain, ſoft at firſt, but grows very hard afterwards, like your *Portland* Stone.